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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Election of officers

1. By paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development was established as a committee of the General Assembly. Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly (see rule 161).

2. In paragraph 9 of the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, should elect, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a Bureau, of which the host country, Denmark, should be an ex officio member. Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee will elect its officers at the present session. On the

basis of past practice and accumulated experience, the Secretary-General recommends that the Committee elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

3. The provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee has been drawn up on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/92.

Item 3. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

4. In resolution 47/92, the General Assembly, having recalled, inter alia, its resolution 46/139 of 17 December 1991, decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government, to be held early in 1995. 1/ In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Assembly accepted with deep appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Denmark to act as host to the Summit.

5. Also in resolution 47/92, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to establish an ad hoc secretariat unit, including personnel of the relevant organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, to assist in the preparatory process and the substantive work of the Preparatory Committee (para. 11). The Assembly invited the Secretary-General to provide the resources required for initiating the preparatory process of the Summit in 1993, including through redeployment (para. 18). It also invited the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the Summit (para. 19). The Assembly also requested the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, to contribute fully to the preparations for the Summit (para. 15). The Preparatory Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the establishment of a trust fund, the resources of which should be utilized to finance the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and the preparatory process, and on the mobilization of voluntary contributions for the financing of additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the Summit. It will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General on suggested modalities for ensuring the proper incorporation of all contributions to the preparatory process for the Summit.

6. The Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-third session, adopted resolution 33/1, in which it decided to transmit the annex to the resolution to the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993 and to the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the Commission's consideration of the Summit and its preparatory process (annex to Commission resolution 33/1).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the establishment of a trust fund and on the mobilization of voluntary contributions for the financing of additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/__)

Note by the Secretary-General on the consideration of the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session (A/CONF.166/PC/___)

Note by the Secretary-General on suggested modalities for ensuring the proper incorporation of all contributions to the preparatory process for the World Summit for Social Development and on the establishment of a secretariat support structure for the Summit (A/CONF.166/PC/___)

Item 4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92, the Preparatory Committee is open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly.

8. In paragraph 8 of resolution 47/92, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session for one week in April 1993 and, at the level of personnel representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments, three substantive sessions in 1994 of no more that 10 working days each, at United Nations Headquarters.

9. The Committee, at its present session, will therefore have to consider arrangements for the preliminary discussion of the issues of which the Summit will be seized. It will also have to consider possible dates for the three substantive sessions in 1994, as well as the dates for the Summit itself.

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

10. Bearing in mind the tasks entrusted to it and the recommendations contained in the reports of the Secretary-General referred to above, the Preparatory Committee may wish to consider the provisional agenda for its first session. The Secretary-General will prepare a draft provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.166/PC/L.___)

Notes

1/ This decision notwithstanding, Governments may be represented at the ministerial or similarly high level.